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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Application No. ___10/561,370 Filing Date <u>06/02/2006</u> First Named Inventor Hansen, et al. Group Art Unit 2129
Examiner Name Wong, Lut Attorney Docket No. 7744P002 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. [] Previously submitted [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ______ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. [] Other ____ b. **[X]** Enclosed i. [X] Amendment/Reply [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [X] Petition for Extension of Time: one month 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) a. [] for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [] 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to a. **[X]** Deposit Account No. 022666 [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [] Other ___ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) <u>Tatiana Rossin</u> Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) _____56,833 Signature /Tatiana Rossin/ Date 12/29/2008 Customer No. 008791 **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office via electronic filing through the United States Patent and Trademark Electronic Filing System on: Name (Print/Type) Judy L. Steinkraus Signature /Judy L. Steinkraus/ Date 12/29/2008